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Representative Rob Cook, Chair
 Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Long Range Planning
 Montana House of Representatives
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RE: HB7 – LETTER OF SUPPORT
 Funding for the DNRC Grant Program

Dear Long Range Planning Joint Appropriations Subcommittee Members:

The Board of Lake County Commissioners would like to thank you for your previous support of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) funding under HB 7 for DNRC's grant program. In 2012, Lake County received grant funding from DNRC to survey our water bodies for the presence/absence of aquatic invasive plants. The survey work proved is critical to our AIS planning, prevention and containment efforts in the Flathead Basin. Moreover, as a result of the data obtained, we are working on commencing a curly leaf pondweed removal effort through the Flathead AIS workgroup. The early detection and containment of the invasive plant would not have been possible without the funding provided by the state legislature through the HB 7 AIS funds. These funds are protect our local economies and to prevent our waters from invasive plant infestations (see photograph below).

Please continue to support through HB7 for DNRC's efforts to provide grants to combat both aquatic invasive plants and invasive mussels in Montana's waters.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY
 COMMISSIONERS:

Ann Brower, Chair

William D. Barron, Member

Gale Decker, Member



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